

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet KDLA's Jim Cundy selected to attend Archives Leadership Institute

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FRANKFORT, Ky. - Jim Cundy, manager of the State Records Branch in the Public Records Division of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), has been selected to attend the Archives Leadership Institute in Wisconsin. Cundy is one of only 26 archivists in the United States selected to attend the event scheduled for July 22-28. He also received one of institute's travel and tuition scholarships awarded to attend this program.

The Lexington resident is a 2004 graduate of the University of Kentucky (UK) School of Library and Information Science. He joined the KDLA staff in 2000 as a regional administrator in the Division's Local Records Branch.

The institute is held by the University of Wisconsin's School of Library and Information Studies and funded by a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. The goal of the Archives Leadership Institute is to examine the leadership needs of the archives profession and to prepare participants to serve as leaders. A mix of panels, workshops and small group discussions explore topics such as policy issues for archivists; communication and media relations; legislative advocacy; strategies and sources for funding; collaboration; and coalition building.

This is the third year since 2009 that KDLA has had a staff member selected to attend the institute. Valerie Edgeworth, librarian for the Kentucky Guide Program, Public Records Division, attended in 2009; and Beth Shields, electronic records analyst in the Public Records Division, attended in 2010. Cundy, Edgeworth and Shields were interns at KDLA between 1999 and 2004 as part of the graduate internship program in partnership with the UK School of Library and Information Science.